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INTERCHANGEABLE AND RETRACTABLE NEEDLE

PLATFORM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

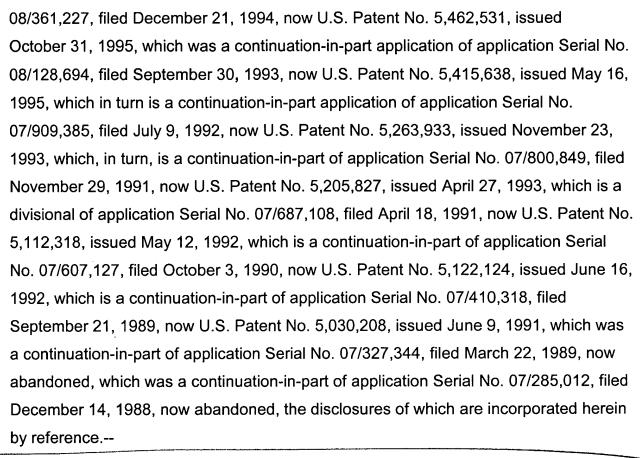
Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Delete the paragraph under "RELATED APPLICATIONS" and insert the following:

--This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/637,873, filed August 15, 2000, which is divisional of application Serial No. 09/460,713, filed December 14, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,117,113, issued September 12, 2000, which in turn was a divisional of application Serial No. 09/215,519, filed December 18, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,033,386, issued March 7, 2000, which in turn was a divisional of application Serial No. 08/917,337, filed August 25, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,858,000, issued January 12, 1999, which was a continuation-in-part application of application Serial No. 08/603,868, filed February 22, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,688,240, issued November 18, 1997, which in turn is a divisional application of application Serial No. 08/470,026, filed June 6, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,520,649, issued May 28, 1996, which was a divisional application Serial No.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 2-12.

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